

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: From Tent, To House, To Home in 6 Weeks
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Education remains the long-term solution for Haiti, but permanent housing is the immediate need.

Thanks to the support of our community, the hard work of our maintenance team, and the cooperation of 3 skilled bosses and seven young men from the neighborhood, we were able to meet that need for one family already. In just six weeks, the Dorcy family has moved from a broken down mud hut damaged in the quake, to a tent, and now finally into their permanent home.

Relying on the inspiration of our mission to rebuild Haiti and experience gained over a decade of building [and a little post-quake education from a local architect and visiting engineers], we have taken the housing challenge head on.

The Dorcy house was completed on time [six weeks] and on budget [\$7,000 US]. The house is a simple one, safe and secure, but without electricity or water. These things are not available at this time on the location, so the Dorcys will continue to use their outside facilities. But, thanks to

Wickinson, our boss (head) carpenter, the house has a very pretty and air-flow friendly roof and real curb appeal--although there is no actual curb. Additional amenities can be added later.

We hope one day to be able to provide in-house access to water, septic and solar electricity to dozens of rebuilt houses in Zone 7, the neighborhood next to LCS. But, this will require a major land purchase and a re-development project--which is in our hearts and vision for the near future.

We want to thank the Goodwill Community in Portland, OR for the support they provided for this first house.

Next week we will be sending just one update on Wednesday. After Easter we will return to the regular Tuesday/Friday schedule through the end of April.

Peace, Patrick

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“What you receive as gift, you must give as gift.”
“Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay.”

---Matthew 10:8